

OLC 71-0418  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Radios Funding: Meeting with Preston and Woodruff

1. Present at the meeting on the Hill were: Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee Staff; Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee Staff; Jim Frey and Jim Taylor, OMB; [redacted] and John Clarke, CIA.

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2. Mr. Frey opened the session by explaining that he understood from CIA that both Committee Chairmen were not inclined to provide any covert funding to the radios through CIA after 1 July 1971. Both Woodruff and Preston agreed this was the case. Frey then advised that the Administration was seriously considering surge funding the radios through FY 1972 pending the passage of the bill on the private council. He stated that in the interim there needed to be some way found to keep the radios alive.

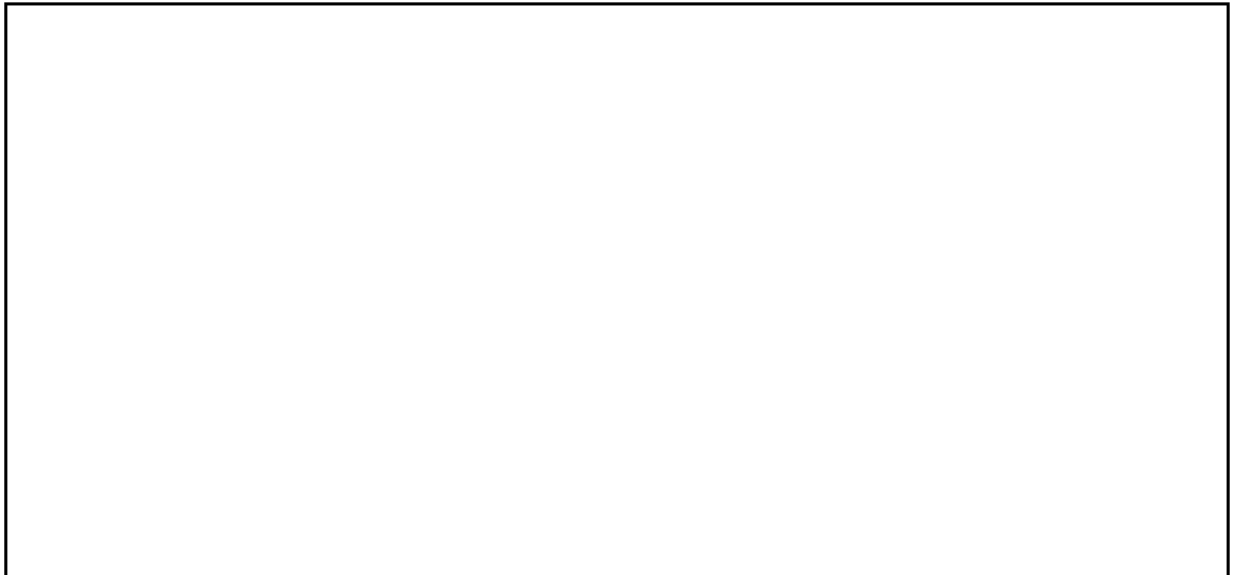
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6. Both Woodruff and Preston were sensitive to this problem; both observed that Congress would probably be sympathetic to providing some termination relief; both restated the importance of getting a reading on how the Committees feel about the new bill.



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8. There was some general discussion about involvements in getting the Case Bill through and the time required to set up the council, etc. Woodruff re-elaborated that he is concerned that CIA will be stuck with continuing the radios, should the Case Bill not be approved, and expressed the view that Senator Ellender was not sympathetic to any further covert funding. Woodruff agreed to go back to Senator Ellender and verify that he would go along with utilization of the continuing resolution to fund the radios after 1 July. He also agreed that he would not place a three month limit on the use of the continuing resolution but restated the need for the Administration to press the Case Bill forward.

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9. Jim Frey observed that the ability to get action on the Case Bill was somewhat outside the jurisdiction of the Executive arm. Both Preston and Woodruff indicated there are ways of placing priorities on particular pieces of legislation if the President is so inclined.

10. I then raised the question of absorption of costs under the continuing resolution, stating I presumed the Congress would be prepared to appropriate to the Agency whatever monies were spent to sustain the radios after 1 July along with any termination costs, should 25X1A

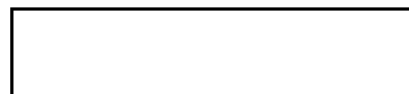


the Congress are interested. Woodruff agreed with this point and both Preston and Woodruff suggested that the Chairmen of the Committees would probably go along with providing some funds in support of the continuing resolution approach. 25X1A



12. It was agreed that Woodruff would call back advising of Senator Ellender's position on using the continuing resolution to fund the radios after 1 July.

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